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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SCHEDULE FILING PROCEDURES

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE POINTS RAISED
REFS. WHEN THE DEPT REQUESTED THAT WE FORWARD IRAN AIR
SCHEDULES BY CABLE WE ASSUMED IT WAS REFERRING TO
INSTANCES WHERE SCHEDULE WOULD NOT REACH WASHINGTON IN
THE TIME ALLOWED FOR PROPER FILING PROCEDURES, I.E. 30
DAYS IN ADVANCE WHERE THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN FREQUENCY
OR CAPACITY, 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE WHEN THERE ARE. WE HAVE
BEEN RELUCTANT TO SEND ALL SCHEDULES BY CABLE BECAUSE
TRANSLATING AIRLINE SCHEDULES INTO ACCEPTABLE CABLE
FORMAT IS TIME CONSUMING AND LEAVES LARGE MARGIN FOR
ERROR. THE IRAN AIR SCHEDULE SUBMITTED VIA AIRGRAM A-25
DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1978 DID NOT APPEAR TO CONTAIN ANY
CHANGES, WAS SUBMITTED IN PROPER TIME AND THEREFORE
WAS FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM. EVEN WITH THE DELAYED
POUCH TIME THE SCHEDULE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON WELL IN
ADVANCE OF THE 30 DAYS REQUIRED FOR SCHEDULE FILING
PROCEDURES.

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2. THERE IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE
DATES THE EMBASSY ECON SECTION ACTUALLY RECEIVES AIR
SCHEDULES AND MFA MEMORANDUMS. WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING
THE MFA DATES OF THESE MEMORANDUMS AND THE DATE
RECEIVED AT EMBASSY. THEREAFTER, THERE IS ALSO TIME
NEEDED FOR TRANSLATION AND THIS CAN RUN FROM 3 TO 10
DAYS. THE IRAN AIR SUMMER SCHEDULE FORWARDED VIA MFA

NOTE JANUARY 22, 1978 AND RECEIVED AT EMBASSY JANUARY 30, 1978 DID NOT ARRIVE IN ECON SECTION IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION UNTIL FEBRUARY 5, 1978. IN AN 2900 EMBASSY COMBINED TWO MFA NOTES. THE FIRST DATED MARCH 6 WAS RECEIVED AT EMBASSY ON MARCH 12 AND NOT RECEIVED IN ECON SECTION UNTIL MARCH 20. THIS NOTE DEALT ONLY WITH IRAN AIR'S FIRST SUBMITTED SPRING AND SUMMER SCHEDULE AND NOT WITH THE REVISIONS TO THIS SCHEDULE SUBMITTED BY PAN AM A FEW DAYS LATER. THEREFORE, EMBASSY DELAYED FORWARDING EARLIER MFA OBJECTION TO WASHINGTON UNTIL THE OBJECTION TO THE NEW SCHEDULE WAS RECEIVED. THIS NEXT OBJECTIONS, DATED MARCH 11 WAS NOT RECEIVED IN THE EMBASSY UNTIL MARCH 16 AND BECAUSE OF NOW RUZ (IRANIAN NEW YEAR) WAS NOT RECEIVED INTO THE ECON SECTION UNTIL MARCH 26. A CABLE CONTAINING BOTH OF THESE MFA NOTES WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON THE MORNING OF MARCH 27.

3. IN THE FUTURE EMBASSY WILL FORWARD ALL AIRLINE SCHEDULES BY CABLE. WE WILL ALSO CITE DATE TRANSLATED COPIES MFA DOCUMENTS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY ACTING EMBASSY COMPONENT.

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